

RECOGNIZING PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS OBSERVANCE DAY

HON. YVETTE D. CLARKE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 2, 2012

Ms. CLARKE of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Prostate Cancer Awareness Observance Day, as recognized by the Brown Byrd Prostate Cancer Foundation in my district and numerous organizations and municipalities.

Affecting 1 in 6 men, prostate cancer is the most commonly diagnosed non-skin cancer and the second cause of cancer-related deaths among males. A new case occurs every 2.7 minutes, and is the cause of death of an afflicted individual every 19 minutes. Though for reasons yet to be discovered, prostate cancer is especially prevalent within the African American community, which makes awareness of this disease especially important within communities like my Borough of Brooklyn, New York.

Despite these disparaging statistics, many forms of prostate cancer are readily treatable, and with increased early detection and treatment, current trends can be reversed. Education regarding prostate cancer and early detection strategies is crucial to saving lives and preserving our families; 200,000 men will be diagnosed and over 75,000 men will die from prostate cancer annually. At any age, deaths due to prostate cancer devastate families through loss of income, partnership, and support.

In recognition of this disease and the large number of families and communities it afflicts, I stand with those today that recognize February 2, 2012, as a day to remember those who lost the battle against prostate cancer, and to pray for the families and friends that have dealt with such a tragedy. As a community, we also remember those living with prostate cancer, celebrate the lives of survivors, and thank all the prostate cancer organizations and medical professionals throughout the entire country who aid in victories against this insidious disease.

One such organization I would like to recognize today is the Brown Byrd Prostate Cancer Foundation. Started by two young individuals in my own district, Kevin Byrd and Blossom Brown to honor their grandfathers who were both lost to prostate cancer, the foundation has done a good deal of work within New York and nationally to bring attention to Prostate Cancer and methods to combat its continued threat to the wellbeing of our communities. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and may we all offer up our prayers today to every individual that has been affected by prostate cancer.

RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA

HON. RICHARD B. NUGENT

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. NUGENT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the significant achievements that

the University of South Florida (USF) has made in the fields of innovation and technology.

In 2010, USF furthered their dedication to these fields by founding the National Academy of Inventors (NAI). Today, the NAI works to recognize inventors, enhance the visibility of university innovation, educate and mentor innovative students, and translate research and inventions of its members that may benefit society.

With this type of commitment to innovation, it is no surprise that a recent report issued by the Intellectual Property Owners Association listed USF, along with 12 other American Universities, among the top 300 organizations to receive patents from the United States Patent and Trademark Office in 2010.

I am also proud that as USF continues to be a national leader in the field of innovation, the entire Tampa Bay area will significantly benefit. Researchers and inventors from USF will continue to work together with business and industry leaders in their respective fields to put their ideas and prototypes into action. These interactions will lead to a direct and positive impact on our local communities—communities desperately in need of high quality jobs and business opportunities.

I've always said that one of America's greatest strengths is the innovation of its citizens. Without innovation, this nation would not be what it is today. Unfortunately, many of these innovators in the past have not received the recognition for their achievements that they rightfully deserve.

That is why it is my honor to recognize and support the achievements of USF for their commitment to innovation and research.

With that, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the achievements of the University of South Florida.

HONORING LARRY VEILLEUX OF LEWISTON, MAINE

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and accomplishments of Laurent "Larry" Veilleux, a man who devoted his life to his family and to his community.

A veteran of World War II, Larry's lifelong commitment to public service was only beginning when he returned home from the war. After completing his assignment in the U.S. Navy, Larry worked to obtain an Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice and to enroll himself in the FBI Academy. The Lewiston Police department was fortunate enough to draw on Larry's courage and dedication to his community. By the time he retired as a Deputy Police Chief, he was a local fixture and beloved within the community.

Larry never stopped giving back to his friends, colleagues and neighbors. He found time to be an active member of the Retired Police Chief Association, the Knights of Columbus, the American Legion, the Lion's Club, and the Augusta Calumet Club. He was a former member of St. Joseph's Church and was most recently a member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Auburn. Larry valued his roots in the community and was particu-

larly proud of his induction into the Lewiston-Auburn Sports Hall of Fame as a member of the 1942 Lewiston High School State Champion Hockey team.

It is truly remarkable that one man could have such a positive impact on the lives of so many people. Larry is survived by his wife, three children, five grandchildren, and two great grandchildren. Larry was born November 21, 1923 and passed on January 30, 2012. He was 88 years old.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring Larry for his public service and allow me to extend my deepest condolences to Larry's family.

HONORING THE BROWARD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE ANTI-BUL- LYING INITIATIVE

HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 2, 2012

Mr. DEUTCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the Broward County Sheriff's Office Anti-Bullying Initiative, the efforts of which have undoubtedly helped make South Florida a safer and more tolerant community.

Bullying of young gay Americans has reached epidemic proportions in this country. In fact, more than 80 percent of LGBT students report suffering harassment, humiliation, and even violence at the hands of their peers in school. Even more tragic are the cases of children who take their own lives after being led to believe there is no hope for acceptance in their community. Despite these overwhelming statistics, many schools have shown an unwillingness or inability to openly address anti-gay bullying.

I commend the Broward County Sheriff's office and their many partners throughout South Florida for setting themselves apart by establishing an Anti-Bullying Initiative to address this issue head-on. Together, law enforcement officials and community leaders are acting on a shared belief that in America, no child should be afraid to go to school because he or she is different. On January 30, 2012, the Anti-Bullying initiative hosted an event at the Coral Springs Center for the Performing Arts, where they screened the film Bullied and discussed the impact of anti-gay bullying on our nation's youth. This event is one of many undertaken by the Broward County Sheriff's office to give students, teachers, and administrators the tools they need to effectively address bullying based on sexual orientation and gender identity.

The opportunity for every child to receive a quality public education is a cornerstone of our nation. To achieve their potential, our children need schools that provide safe, accepting, and abuse-free environments. I am honored to recognize the people of Broward County, whose efforts to stop bullying are helping ensure our schools are places where everyone, regardless of their sexual identity, has a safe place to learn and grow.